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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of)
Applicant: Gross et al.)
Title: Genes Coding for Tomato) Group Art Unit: 1638
β-Galactosidase Polypeptides) Examiner: Collins
Serial No.: 09/701,868)
Docket No.: 0066.99)
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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office action mailed June 3, 2003, thereby extending the period for response to December 3, 2003. Please charge deposit account 50-2134 the \$950.00 fee for said

extension. Please charge any additional fees which may be required at any time during prosecution of the instant application to deposit account 50-2134.